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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PARM SZ

SUBJ: SWISS PLANS TO RATIFY THE NPT

REF: 74 BERN 4290

1. FOLLOWING HIATUS OF OVER A YEAR, SWISS GOVT IS  
ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO GET PARLIAMENT TO RATIFY THE NPT.  
FEDERAL COUNCIL HAS SENT A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO UPPER  
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIR COMMITTEE REAFFIRMING ITS EARLIER  
STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF NPT AND PROVIDING ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO LAY AT REST DOUBTS RAISED BY THE  
COMMITTEE IN THE FALL OF 1974.

2. IF PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION FOLLOWS OPTIMUM COURSE,  
UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL PASS NPT IN APRIL, UPPER  
HOUSE PLENARY IN JUNE AND THE LOWER HOUSE DURING  
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SEPTEMBER SESSION. WHILE NPT RATIFICATION CONCEIVABLE

BY END OF THIS YEAR, JUST HOW PARLIAMENT WILL DEAL WITH  
THE TREATY REMAINS WHOLLY UNPREDICTABLE. POLITICAL  
DEPT'S DISARMAMENT EXPERT VON ARX BELIEVES THERE  
IS "REASONABLE CHANCE" NPT COULD BE WRAPPED UP THIS YEAR.

3. GOS ARGUMENTS FAVORING NPT RATIFICATION (RATHER THAN  
CONCLUSION OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH  
IAEA) ARE BASED LARGELY ON COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES FOR  
NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION, VON ARX TOLD POLCOUNS  
THAT HE VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN THE CANADIAN  
INITIATIVE FOR STRICTER, MORE COMPREHENSIVE CONTROLS ON  
NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO BOTH NPT AND NON-NPT STATES. VON ARX  
INDICATED THAT ANY SUCH MEASURES WHICH TEND TO DIMINISH  
THE VALUE OF JOINING NPT WOULD DECREASE CHANCES OF SWISS  
RATIFICATION.

4. DETAILS FOLLOW BY MEMCON.  
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